

# PRESS Sports

## Two Japanese Champs Challenge Best from U. S.

The second of two Japanese champions who will challenge America's top swimmers in the National AAU senior men's outdoor championships Friday at the Los Angeles Swim Stadium was named Monday. He's breaststroke star Kenjiro Matsumoto.

Young Matsumoto will join countryman Tsuyoshi Yamana, the world record holder, in the three-day meet which gets underway Friday, Aug. 18. In addition to the two Japanese seniors, 12 Japanese high school champions also will compete.

Matsumoto will renew his vigorous competition of recent weeks with America's great Chet Jastremski of Indianapolis, who three times broke existing world records in Japan on a special tour.

The world record of 2:36.5 for the 200 meter breaststroke has been threatened by Matsumoto (2:18). Jastremski's record breaking binge in Japan included a 2:33.6 clocking.

Matsumoto and Yamana were invited to compete in the meet by the SPAAU and meet director John Fellows. The 12 schoolboy swimmers are being sponsored by the Japanese Swimming Federation and will present an interesting comparison to U.S. swimmers of that age who have entered the national competition.



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## Swim Stars Start L.A. Workouts For Nationals

First local workouts began Monday for many of the record 400 entries in the 1961 men's national AAU swimming championships which get under way Friday at the Los Angeles Swim Stadium.

The troupe of 14 Japanese swimmers, which arrived in Los Angeles last night, Brazil's Manuel Dos Santos and Argentina's Luis Nicolao are among key contestants slated to test the stadium pool.

Team favorite Indianapolis, a band which accounts for eight defending champions, checked in early this week. Two other important squads—New Haven, Conn. and Hawaii—are expected.

"The meet shapes up now as the greatest of all time," said Bill Lippman, Jr., general chairman of the event. "We have 1000 total entries, drawn from some 400 individuals. That's nearly 100 more than we've ever had before."

Diving entrants also are beginning to gather for that phase of the competition which will be held at the Los Coyotes Country Club, Buena Park.

The Japanese swimmers, who include world record holder Tsuyoshi Yamana and 12 national high school champions, will sandwich workouts between movie studio excursions and the Coliseum baseball game between the Dodgers and Cardinals.

Defending champions who reported with the Indianapolis squad are Alan Somers (400 freestyle), Tom Stock (100 and 200 backstroke), Chet Jastremski (100 breaststroke), Mike Troy (200 butterfly), Ted Stickle (200 individual medley) and Peter Sintz and Frank McKinney of the 400 and 800 meter relays.

Former Michigan star Tony Tashnick, a point winner in the 200 butterfly last year at Toledo, is part of the strong nine-man Hawaii team.

## Barstow Hot-Rodder Favored in Sunday's Gardena Stadium Race

"Tiger" Jim Roessler, Barstow, puts his point lead on the line, Sunday, when the popular CJA hot rods will race in a nine event card at Gardena's Western Speedway.

Roessler has won seven main events this year at the Western Avenue speedplant and Sunday will try for number eight in the day's 30-lap feature. A field of fifty hot rods will compete when racing begins at 2:30 p.m. Roessler's top contention will come from Chuck Townsen, Gardena, currently third in

points. The top ten in points:

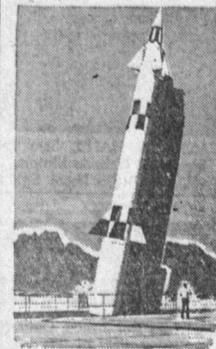
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## Construction Bids For Sportsman's Park Golf Course Opened By LA Board Today

Construction bids for the nine hole pitch and put golf course, which will be located in the west part of the man's park, Century boulevard and Western avenue, will be opened by the County Engineer next Wednesday (August 16) it was announced this week by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's chief deputy, William N. Stivers.

The project was initiated several months ago by Supervisor Hahn to improve for public recreational use and enjoyment a large area of the park that is not now being utilized.

He explained that the new park, which will be located in the west part of the park, will become fully supporting and is expected to produce a substantial net income each year to be used for other recreational purposes.

Included in the 10 acre golf course development are two acres of land adjacent to the park leased to the County by the Los Angeles City Department of Water and Power. The lease was negotiated under Supervisor Hahn's leadership to put the land to pro-

ductive use and to eliminate the problem of maintaining and upkeep of the vacant property.

## Top Drag Stars Vie for Honors Saturday Night

Eight dual engine and 27 single engine dragsters will vie for top eliminator this Saturday night at Lions Drag Strip in Long Beach. Of the 35 cars, nine have traveled the 1/4 mile strip in less than nine seconds, a time which, until a month ago, was nearly always good enough to win top eliminator honors.

Included in the field will be Zan Shubert of Santa Ana, present holder of the national record at 8.65 seconds. Not far behind him are Lefty Mundersbach of Pico - Rivera at 8.69 and Tom McEwen of Long Beach at 8.74. Drivers that have been timed in the eight second bracket that will be on hand include Don Hampton of Bellflower, Glen Stokey of Redondo Beach, Gary Cagle of Pico-Rivera, Leland Kolb of Buena Park.

Most of these cars will be using the next few meets at the Long Beach strip to prepare for then NHRA National Championship meet in Indianapolis over the Labor Day weekend. The strip will be closed that week, September 2; however it will be back in action the following Saturday night in preparation for the big four-week Festival of Drag Racing that will start at the Lions Club sponsored strip Saturday night September 15.

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